



Vol. 3 Issue 6 June 2020

# IMPACT UPDATE

Protecting, Preventing, Providing

Larry Hogan

Boyd K. Rutherford

Colonel Woodrow W. Jones III

Governor

Lt. Governor

Superintendent

## Contents

PHOTOS: MSP Fallen  
Heroes Ceremony

Troopers Target Speeding,  
Dangerous Drivers

Law Enforcement Agencies  
Partner For Blood Drives

Barracks Support Trooper's  
Family During Deployment

MSP Warns Public Of  
Telephone Scams

Helicopter Crew Rescues  
Injured Victim



MSP Superintendent Col. Woodrow W. Jones III speaks for a Fallen Heroes tribute video recorded in May.

## Maryland State Police Records Tribute To Fallen Heroes

(PIKESVILLE, MD) — Due to the coronavirus pandemic and state of emergency, the traditional Maryland State Police Fallen Heroes Ceremony could not be held this year.

While a traditional ceremony did not take place, MSP Superintendent Col. Woodrow W. Jones III wanted to ensure that the department continued to honor fallen heroes in any way that was possible given the current restrictions.

Therefore, on May 7, Col. Jones offered remarks, conducted a roll call and presented flowers at the MSP Fallen Heroes Memorial in Pikesville. The event was recorded and shared via social media so the families of fallen heroes and others could still pay their respects.

“For at least 25 years, the Maryland State Police family has gathered in this location in early May to honor our fallen heroes,” Col. Jones said in the video. “For the first time, a worldwide pandemic prevented us from joining together here as a family. Though safety precautions are keeping us apart, I felt it was of utmost importance to fulfill our obligation to ensure our tradition of honoring our fallen continues. Today is the most important day in the Maryland State Police year. Being here is not just an obligation. It is our duty as a Maryland State Police family.”

To view the video, visit: <https://youtu.be/sVq98KKnBcM>



# IMPACT UPDATE

## PHOTOS: MSP's 2020 Fallen Heroes Ceremony



**“You can be assured you will continue to have the support of the Office of the Superintendent and all of us in the Maryland State Police family. You will always be a part of this family and you and the loved one you lost will remain an integral part of who we are and what we hold dear.”**

**Colonel Woodrow W. Jones III  
Maryland State Police Superintendent**



Questions or comments? Email us at [msp.media@maryland.gov](mailto:msp.media@maryland.gov) or call 410-653-4236



# IMPACT UPDATE

## MSP Focuses On Dangerous Drivers, Commercial Vehicle Speeding Across Maryland

(PIKESVILLE, MD) — Troopers across the state have been involved in multiple operations to address speeding and dangerous drivers on Maryland roads.

From May 15 to 17, troopers, who represented 10 barracks, conducted a combined 541 traffic stops, issued 401 citations, 309 warnings, 25 safety equipment repair orders and made seven arrests between May 15 and 17.

These figures did not include results from an additional initiative from May 12-15, when more than two dozen troopers from the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division and the Golden Ring Barrack focused increased patrols in the area of I-70 and I-695.

In that initiative, troopers directed specific enforcement to the area of eastbound I-70 approaching the ramp to I-695, where troopers had responded to six jack-knifed tractor trailer crashes in recent months. The cause of those commercial vehicle crashes was determined to be speed too great for conditions.

From May 4 to 6, troopers from



the Maryland State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division conducted a focused initiative on I-495 in Montgomery County that resulted in hundreds of citations/warnings being issued and hundreds of trucks being inspected.

Named “Operation 495/Green Tree Road Part 3,” the initiative deployed more than two dozen troopers onto I-495 in the area along the Capital Beltway near Green Tree Road and I-270. Troopers focused on commercial vehicle driving offenses, but were also alert to passenger vehicle drivers who committed offenses around commercial vehicles.

During the operation, troopers issued 149 traffic citations, 71 of which were for speeding. They also issued 213 warnings.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division personnel conducted 251 inspections of commercial vehicles. They placed 25 vehicles and 18 drivers out of service for a variety of violations. One driver was arrested on a warrant and one was charged on a civil citation for marijuana possession.

Additional initiatives are planned in upcoming weeks.



# IMPACT UPDATE



## Maryland State Law Enforcement Agencies Partner With Red Cross In Blood Drive Effort

(PIKESVILLE, MD) – Maryland State Police are joining other law enforcement agencies to assist the American Red Cross in encouraging the public to donate blood during the coronavirus pandemic.

The push to donate blood is an effort by state law enforcement agencies in Maryland who want to honor the memories of those Marylanders who lost their lives to COVID-19 and honor the service of all those who help fight it.

As part of this effort, the American Red Cross is partnering with Maryland State Police, Maryland Transportation Authority Police, Maryland Natural Resources Police, Maryland Transit Administration Police and Maryland Capitol Police to launch

the #SleevesUpMD Blood Drive. The #SleevesUpMD campaign seeks to raise 150 pledges for blood donations. Blood supplies are at a critical shortage and just one lifesaving, selfless, donation can save as many as three people. Those partnering in this effort are encouraging all Maryland law enforcement, first responders and citizens to help us reach this goal.

“The commitment to public service and saving lives exhibited daily by the men and women of the Maryland State Police goes far beyond the enforcement of traffic and criminal laws,” Maryland State Police Superintendent, Colonel Woodrow Jones III, said. “Our employees are always on the alert for opportunities to serve and assist our citizens, especially during these

challenging days. This blood drive is a great way for us to give back to our communities in a tangible way. All of our state law enforcement agencies are proud to join together in this lifesaving effort.”

To donate your lifesaving gift, click <https://sleevesup.redcrossblood.org/campaign/marylands-state-law-enforcement-sleevesupmd-campaign/>. Follow the instructions to make a reservation that is easy and convenient for you.

A social distance-compliant reservation can be scheduled at any American Red Cross Maryland donation center.



# IMPACT UPDATE



## LaPlata, Centreville Barracks Support Family Of Trooper On Military Deployment

(LA PLATA, MD) — The families of first responders have felt the stress of two concerns for several months.

The first is the concern that comes from the overall danger of the job and the fear harm will come to their loved ones. The second, and more recent concern, has been whether their loved one will be exposed to the coronavirus. Then, there is a third group of concerned family members: families of loved ones who are both first responders and who also serve in the military.

The family of one trooper, who is assigned to the La Plata Barrack falls into the latter category. The trooper has been in New York serving in U.S. Army as part of the pandemic response since March 21. He was unable to be home to help his wife, along their daughter, celebrate Mother's Day.

However, this did not mean that his wife and daughter were all alone. A group of troopers from the LaPlata Barrack, who included Lt. Thomas Quade, First Sergeant Eric White and Sgt. Allen Watson, delivered flowers,

chocolates and a card to the trooper's wife on Mother's Day.

In addition, the trooper's family receives support from the Centreville Barrack, as they have continued to mow their lawn while the trooper is deployed.

Efforts such as these are two of the many ways the Maryland State Police have worked to support our troopers who also serve in the military.



# IMPACT UPDATE

## State Police Arrests Man On Firearms Charges

(CALLAWAY, MD) – Maryland State Police arrested a St. Mary’s County man on open warrants for firearms-related charges and a violation of probation charge.

The suspect, Colin Jacob Eaton, 26, of Callaway, Maryland, was arrested May 11 by troopers from the Maryland State Police Criminal Enforcement Division – Firearms Enforcement Unit. Eaton is charged with nine counts of rifle/shotgun possession as a disqualified person. In addition to the arrest warrant, Eaton was also wanted on an open violation of probation warrant from Calvert County.

As part of their investigation, troopers served a search a seizure



warrant and located Eaton at a residence in Callaway, Maryland. Eaton was arrested without incident and transported to the St. Mary’s County Detention Center.

This case highlights the State Police goal of helping to prevent and investigate multi-jurisdictional crime while

supporting allied law enforcement agencies across Maryland.

The Maryland State Police Criminal Enforcement Division – Firearms Enforcement Unit is committed to supporting Governor Hogan’s efforts to reduce gun violence.

The Firearms Enforcement Unit consists of sworn troopers who are tasked with working throughout the state to identify those illegally in possession of firearms and infiltrating and dismantling criminal organizations perpetuating firearm-related violence.

## Troopers Warn Public About Telephone Scams

Maryland State Police are warning the public about telephone scams in which the caller claims to be an agent for Publishers Clearing House, stating that the person contacted had “won the grand prize” from Publishers Clearing House, but only after paying a \$250 “fee” to cover the cost of taxes.

This scam serves as a reminder that Publishers Clearing House and other sweepstakes do not require upfront fees to cover the cost of winning prizes. Visit the PCH website for further information: <https://info.pch.com/>



tips-and-warning-signs or call their toll free number: 800-392-4190. The Federal Trade Commission also offers information on reporting telephone scams; <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0208-phone-scams> 1-877-FTC-HELP.

This most recent case involved people in the Upper Eastern Shore region who reported receiving a telephone call from someone who identified themselves as “Agent John Clark” calling on behalf of Publishers Clearing House, saying the citizen had won the grand prize, but needed to send in \$250 first, in the form of a wire transfer, or a loaded gift card, to cover the cost of taxes. This is just one of several telephone scams reported to Maryland State Police.



# IMPACT UPDATE



## State Police Helicopter Crew Hoists Injured Victim From Chimney Rock In Catoctin Mountain Park

(THURMONT, MD) – At about 1:45 p.m. April 22, Maryland State Police helicopter, Trooper 3, based at Frederick Municipal Airport, was dispatched to Chimney Rock in Thurmont to assist with the extrication of an injured victim who had fallen approximately 30 feet.

Rescue crews from Thurmont and the Frederick County Advanced Technical Rescue (ATR) Team were able to make contact with the victim approximately 45 minutes after the 911 call.

Due to the injuries, terrain and the extended time for extrication by land, Frederick County requested a State Police helicopter for a hoist extraction.

The helicopter crew configured

Trooper 3 for an aerial hoist operation and arrived overhead. The pilots maneuvered the AW-139 helicopter into a steady hover position 100 feet above the rescue crews and survivor.

A trooper/rescue technician with medical equipment and the Patient Extrication Platform were lowered into a very small and challenging opening in a heavily wooded and rocky area.

The trooper/rescue technician assisted with lifesaving care, patient stabilization and securing the patient into the rescue device with the assistance of fire department personnel. The trooper/rescue technician and victim were then hoisted up to the helicopter. Once the patient was secured inside the aircraft, Trooper 3 transitioned to its

medevac role and transported the patient to Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore for further treatment.

The Maryland State Police Aviation Command has served Maryland citizens since 1970, and operates a fleet of ten helicopters from seven bases throughout Maryland on a 24/7/365 basis.

Missions include medevac, law enforcement, search & rescue, homeland security, and disaster assessment. The success of rescues performed by the Aviation Command depends a great deal on the cooperative effort of local fire, rescue, EMS and law enforcement agencies.